

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the application of:

Akio KONISHI

Serial No.: ~~NEW~~

09/934546

Filed: August 23, 2001 (herewith)

For: APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING POWDERY THERMOELECTRIC
MATERIAL AND METHOD OF FABRICATING POWDERY
THERMOELECTRIC MATERIAL USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 23, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14-23, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

A -- At first, a starting (or raw) material having a predetermined
composition is weighed and is enclosed in a vessel 1 (step S1). The starting (or
raw) material of the thermoelectric material contains, for example, antimony
(Sb) or bismuth (Bi) being a group V element and Selenium (Se) or tellurium